

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	:	A PROCESS AND AN APPARATUS FOR
	:	COATING PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS
Hans-Jürgen Schäfer	:	WITH LASER-STRUCTURABLE,
	:	THERMALLY CURABLE SOLDER STOP
Serial No: 10/531,394	:	LACQUERS AND ELECTRORESISTS
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Filed: July 25, 2006	:	Group Art Unit: 1792
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	:	Examiner: Tadayyon Eslami Tabassom

**STATUS REQUEST**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219  
February 23, 2009

Commissioner for Patents  
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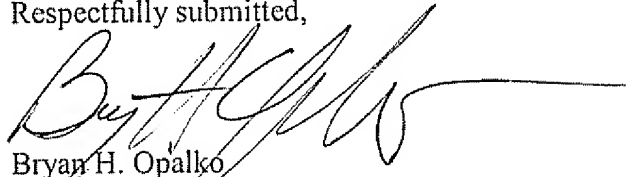
Dear Sir:

On August 13, 2007, we received a Notice of Acceptance of Application (371 Acceptance Letter) indicating that the above-identified international application was accepted for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. To date, Applicant has not yet received an Office Action on the merits.

Please advise us as soon as possible of the status of the above-identified patent application and when Applicant can expect to receive an Office Action on the merits.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned by phone to advance processing of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bryan H. Opalko', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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